

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. The Examiner issued a restriction requirement requiring Applicant to select from one of two inventions allegedly recited in the claims of the present application. The Examiner asserts that the following groupings of claims recite two distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-18; and

Group II: Claims 19-22.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks provided herein.

Election of Invention

2. Responsive to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects the invention recited in Group I (i.e., claims 1-18) for examination, without traverse; provided however, Applicant reserves the right to timely file a divisional application directed to the subject matter recited in Group II (i.e., claims 19-22).

4. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone, facsimile or email if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the prosecution of the instant application. Please charge any necessary fees associated herewith, including extension of time fees (if applicable and not paid by separate check), to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1111.

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